



Patricia Jursik *Update*

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Bus Updates

Route 51

Buses will alternate between Marian Center layover and the new layover on New York St at Oklahoma Ave. Attached you will find the announcement containing details as to which trips will continue to operate to the Marian Center. These will be available on Route 51 buses this week. Also, the new schedule is already available on the website at <http://ridemcts.com/routes-schedules/routes/51#Weekday>.

The bus stop and sidewalk improvements plans are progressing and very close to being finalized. It appears that the work will be completed in matter of weeks. Also, it is expected that the ADA improvements to the new layover on New York will be completed near the end of this month.

Route 55

I've received complaints from district users of route 55 which runs on Layton and 76th Street to Southridge Mall. Several complained that our bus system changed drop off for the mall. This is not accurate since it was Southridge Mall management, Simon Co., which mandated this change. Our Transportation and Public Works Committee is working to restore the original drop off location. I will keep you updated on the progress. The remote location does not serve the elderly, handicapped including veterans and disabled especially as winter approaches.

Sheridan Park Centennial

New banners are posted in the parks. Please watch for these announcements. If any constituents want more information, contact Sylvia Gear of Sheridan Park Friends or call my office at 278-4231 or email at patricia.jursik@milwcnty.com.

Support the Centennial by purchasing a raffle ticket, all proceeds will benefit Sheridan Park. The official kick-off for the sale of raffle tickets will be at Joe's K Ranch on November 8. Tickets may also be purchased through February 14, 2014.

Check out our new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SheridanParkFriends>



Cudahy Featured on AROUND THE CORNER w/ John McGivern

Save the Date for February 20 at 7:00 p.m. for the popular T.V. show, AROUND THE CORNER on Channel 10, PBS. John McGivern features the City of Cudahy on this segment. For more information on the show follow this link:

http://www.mptv.org/localshows/around_the_corner/about_the_series

PLANNING FOR A HEALTHY OAK CREEK WATERSHED

On October 17, the City of South Milwaukee hosted the group from Watershed Initiative Network (WIN); I thank Mayor Zepecki for hosting this meeting at city hall. While WIN largely discussed the Root River Watershed which does partially include areas within South Milwaukee, this discussion revealed what can take place regarding study and clean-up of a watershed area. Many active citizens also attended including the great volunteers from Friends of Grant Park and Friends of Mill Pond including former Alderman Mary Nelson, a tireless advocate for dredging the pond. This discussion highlighted the need for all neighbors living in a watershed to take responsibility for keeping our streams and lakes clean. Simple activities such as keeping yard waste from draining into storm waters or ensuring that oil or gasoline leaks from older cars do not foul our roadways which then get washed into the storm sewers and empty into the creek are examples. Before dredging of the Mill Pond can be done, we first need to address silt and toxicant washouts upstream. The county capital budget for 2015 does plan for a stream bank initiative for the Oak Creek. To realize the dream of the many citizens that signed the Petition for the Mill Pond restoration, all of the issues surrounding this watershed must be addressed. Please follow this link to read more about WIN and additional information from SEWRPC. ([link](#))

Updated Hoan Bridge Schedule

- The right shoulder will be closed 10/28/13 thru 11/1/13 on 794 EB (SB) at Carferry Drive
- The left shoulder will be closed 10/28/13 thru 11/1/13 on the 794 EB (SB) Exit Ramp to Carferry Drive
- The left shoulder will be closed long term 10/30/13 thru 11/4/13 on the 794 WB exit to I-43 NB/SB.
- The right shoulder will be closed long term 10/30/13 thru 11/4/13 on 794 WB at the exit to I-43 NB/SB.
- The 794 EB exit ramp to Lincoln Memorial Drive closes by 5:00am until late 2015. No Emergency Access will be available.
- The 794 EB entrance ramp from Lincoln Memorial Drive closes by 5:00am until late 2015. No Emergency Access will be available.

Budget Updates

The Finance Committee has completed the initial review of the budget and is now reviewing budget amendments. Several areas of significant change are being considered including:

Pools: The good news for our district is that Grobschmidt Pool is not scheduled for closure. The county executive's budget recommended closing indoor pools Pulaski and Noyes. The Pulaski pool serves our south shore area. I have gotten calls especially from seniors opposing this closure. By eliminating a new skate park and new splash pads which would have replaced the indoor pools, I believe we can work to keep these pools open without adding to the tax levy.

O'Donnell Parking: I have co-authored an amendment to remove the O'Donnell Parking Garage from the budget. Instead the county will study the parking needs provided by this structure including the loss of parking due to the Hoan Bridge construction and loss of under-bridge parking. With the information the board will be able to appropriately study the needs of the public, the museums along the lakefront and the long range planning for our lake front and the new structures that are planned. We will review the status of O'Donnell in light of good fact finding.

Sheriff Dept: The Abele budget significantly changed funding for this dept. which has the second highest tax levy support in the county budget by department. I disagreed with many provisions including removing emergency management from this department which I did not believe was well-considered. I have discussed the issue of Parks Patrols with all the Mayors and several of the police chiefs. There was unanimous sentiment that the local police departments are providing most of the policing in our south shore parks. The Mayors felt that the money offered by the county executive to add extra hours to our local departments for policing the parks was worth considering. I have been open to this proposal, but it is unlikely the majority of supervisors will support this change. The provision on Park Patrols was voted down in finance, 8 to 1 with eight voting against losing Sheriff Deputies to patrol the parks. (Jursik voted alone to consider the change).

Mental Health: The board restored funding for county workers to staff the Community Service Providers that staff our downtown and south side locations. These locations will help to reduce our reliance on hospital commitments. I have also supported investing additional money into funding community services and placements with the hope of further reducing long-term behavioral health stays. This is the trend throughout the country and the board has been supporting this change for the last several years. The finance committee did retain funding for emergency beds at behavioral health until we have more evidence that the beds can be downsized as the community supports are developed. Dr. Tony Thrasher, the emergency room doctor pleaded with the board not to lose these beds until we have good evidence of the success of our diversion program. His testimony was compelling, and I'd like to thank this doctor for taking his personal time to address the finance committee. I supported his request.

There are many other issues too numerous to set out here. Our final public hearing will be held Monday, November 4 at 4:00 at the War Memorial. Why not attend and see your government in action!

Community Calendar

Saturday, November 2nd – Family FREE Day at the Zoo, 9am-4:30pm

All visitors receive free admission. The parking fee remains in effect. At Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 West Blue Mound Road, Milwaukee. milwaukeezoo.org 256-5466

Kelly Center Events

Take the Scare out of Medicare

3 Mondays: November 4, 11, 18 12:30 - 1:30pm

Senior Community Cook Off and Fundraiser!

Wednesday, November 6, 2:00

Fee: \$5 (includes tasting!) Register by November 1.

Meadowmere - Oak Creek, Wilson Commons, Heritage Senior Living and Villa St. Francis will send their "top chefs" to prepare a signature appetizer. Sample the appetizers, vote on your favorite dish and help crown the winner of the competition, while helping raise money for the Kelly Center.

Dance to the Sounds of The Wilson Knights!

Friday, November 22, 1:30 - 3:00

Dance off those Thanksgiving calories before you consume them! Or just come to listen to the great Big-Band sounds of this 16 piece orchestra. Light refreshments will be served and donations will be most welcome.

At Kelly Senior Center at 6100 S. Lake Dr., Cudahy. Please call 481-9611 to register.

Thursday, October 14 – Grant Park Watch & Friends of Grant Park meeting, 6:30pm

At Grant Park Clubhouse, 100 Hawthorne Av, South Milwaukee. Park Watch: 764-7262.

Friends of Grant Park: 764-0612 www.fogp.org

Tuesday, November 12 – Friends of Mill Pond meeting, 6:30pm

At Marquette Manor, 2409 10th Av, South Milwaukee 571-1191 www.smfomp.org

Wednesday, November 27 – Cudahy Neighborhood Watch meeting, 6pm

At Cudahy Family Library, 3500 Library Dr., Cudahy. 414-324-5531

Monday, November 4 – County Board Public Hearing on Budget, 4pm

At Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, Third Floor 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive

Tuesday, November 12 – County Board Budget Adoption Meeting, 9:30am

At the Milwaukee County Courthouse Room 200, 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee.

Thursday, November 21 – County Board Veto Meeting, 9:30am

At the Milwaukee County Courthouse Room 200, 901 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee.